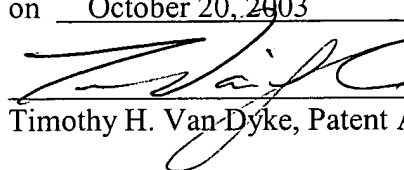




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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 19, 2003, Applicants provide the amendments and remarks below. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response.